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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

RESOLUTIONS

New Delhi, the 5th January 1962

No. Ch(1)-3(2)/61.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its report on the continuance of price control on the Calcium Carbide industry. It has recommended that the ex-works selling price of this important raw material should be controlled for sometime more and fixed, as under:—

Size	Price per 50 Kg.	
	50 Kg. packing	100 Kg. packing
	Rs.	Rs.
4/80 mm.	45.50	44.75
25/80 mm. and 50/80 mm.	47.50	46.75
15/25 mm.	40.50	39.75
4/15 mm. and 7/15 mm.	37.50	36.75

2. Government have carefully considered the above recommendations, and find that the increase in the price proposed by the Commission is due to the increased rates of consumption of raw materials and the costs of raw materials used. It is felt that there is no justification for a higher rate of raw material consumption than that estimated previously by the Tariff Commission in 1958. Taking this factor into account, it has been decided to fix the ex-works selling price of Calcium Carbide per 50 Kg. as follows:—

Size	50 Kgs. packing	100 Kgs. packing
	Rs.	Rs.
4/80 mm.	44.00	43.25
25/80 mm. } 50/80 mm. }	46.00	45.25
15/25 mm.	39.00	38.25
4/15 mm. } 7/15 mm. }	36.00	35.25

3. The above prices are exclusive of transportation charges from the factory, local taxes, selling commission etc. Bulk consumers having a consumption of 10 tonnes per month and above on a regular basis will be supplied at the above ex-works selling price without any addition of selling commission. In other cases the selling commission shall not exceed Rs. 4/- per 50 Kg. These prices shall come into force with effect from the date of publication of this Resolution and be operative till 31st December, 1962.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and be published in the Gazette of India.

No. Ch.(I)-6(9)/61.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the prices to be fixed for Soda Ash. The Commission has recommended that,—

- (i) The ceiling price (ex-works) of light Soda Ash should be fixed at Rs. 20 per 50 Kg. exclusive of the excise duty which is, at present, Rs. 20 per tonne.
- (ii) The ceiling price of heavy Soda Ash sold ex-works, conforming to I.S.I. Specification No. IS:251 of 1960 as subsequently amended, should be fixed at Rs. 21.50 per 50 Kg., exclusive of the excise duty which is, at present, Rs. 20 per tonne.
- (iii) The selling price of Soda Ash, both light and heavy, should be fixed on an ex-works basis only.

2. Government have carefully considered the above recommendations of the Commission. Taking into account the manufacturing costs in the units examined by the Commission and the scope for economy in establishment and labour costs in the higher cost unit to which attention has been drawn by the Commission, it has been decided as follows:—

- (a) The ceiling price (ex-works) of light Soda Ash should be fixed at Rs. 19 per 50 Kg. In fixing this price Government are satisfied that it will provide a reasonable return to the capital employed in the high cost unit and at the same time impress on such units the desirability of improving their efficiency and reducing the conversion charges;
- (b) With a view to protecting the interests of consumers situated away from the producing centres, Soda Ash should also be made available at *ex-port-town* prices which shall be the price of Rs. 380 per tonne referred to above plus a freight charge of Rs. 15 per tonne for West Coast ports (Bombay and Cochin) and Rs. 25 per tonne for East Coast ports (Madras, Vizagapatnam and Calcutta);
- (c) The ceiling price of Heavy Soda Ash sold ex-works or *ex-port-towns* shall be Rs. 20 per tonne above the ceiling prices for light Soda Ash, as at present;
- (d) Consumers shall be free to purchase Soda Ash at ex-works or *ex-port-town* prices, according to their discretion;
- (e) The above ceiling prices are inclusive of selling commission, but exclusive of transportation and handling charges ex-works, local taxes & excise duty etc.;
- (f) These prices will come into force with effect from the date of the publication of this Resolution and be in operation till 31st December, 1962.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India.

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